the Search Committee the Union Minister of Human Resource Development had approved the name of Shri Ashok Ganguly for appointment to the post of Chairman, CBSE. Necessary approval of the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet to the proposal regarding appointment of Shri Ashok Ganguly as Chairman, CBSE has since been received. Meanwhile, Shri B.P. Khandelwal has been simultaneously holding charge of the post of Chairman, CBSE in addition to his regular charge of the post of Director, NIEPA pending filling up of the post of Chairman, CBSE on regular basis.

ILL-Treatment of Parents of National Bravery Award Winner

3732. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Statesman' dated the 26th January, 2000 regarding ill-treatment by concerned officials of parents of one of the National Bravery award winner, awarded posthumously;

(b) if so, what are the details of the episode;

(c) whether the concerned official was identified and punished suitably; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The National Bravery Awards were given by the Prime Minister of India at a function organized by the Indian Council for Child Welfare. The organizers are not aware of any ill treatment.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Pace of Introduction of Computer education in schools

3733. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being proposed to be taken by Government to speed up the pace of introducing computer education in schools;

(b) the criteria for selecting the schools for the purpose; and

(c) whether NGOs would be involved in implementing the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (c) Presently, the Department of Secondary Education and Higher Education is in the midst of formulating a revised computer literacy and studies in schools (CLASS) scheme. The details regarding number of schools etc. are being worked out. State Govts./UTs., autonomous bodies and Private organisations recommended by State Govts. are proposed to be involved in the implementation of the scheme.

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Gujarat

†3734. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas opened in Gujarat so far;

(b) the places where Gujarat Government has so far proposed to open Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) the action taken so far by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) At present, 41 Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning in the State of Gujarat.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal to open any new Kendriya Vidyalaya in Gujarat.

Agreement with All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisations

3735. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India had entered into an agreement with the All India Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisation in September, 1998;

(b) if so, whether all the items agreed to have been implemented; and

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.